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Woman claiming 'eagles' told her of infidelity included in FBI probe of Kennedy assassination

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The unwillingness of the FBI to dismiss even the most bizarre leads in the John F. Kennedy assassination extended to an elderly woman who swore she received daily phone calls from "eagles" saying her dying husband was unfaithful.

The FBI investigated her story, despite her employer advising agents she was "flighty and unstable," prone to "weird statements," and that "credence could not be placed in anything she said."

The 66-year-old woman from Akron, Ohio, told agents she overheard two Cuban men saying at an intersection two weeks after the Kennedy assassination that "Ruby fouled things up. We've got to do away with Ruby. When we get back to Cuba Castro will give us a medal."

She said she overheard the conversation when she got off a bus at Main and Market streets in Akron, and the men were standing by a "late 1964 Buick." How did she know it was "late 1964?" they asked.

"Because it had new whitewall tires and an Ohio license, number unknown," she replied.

How did she know they were Cubans?

"Because Cubans look more starved than Puerto Ricans," she said.

And she was an expert on that, she told them, because she personally had tipped off FBI director J. Edgar Hoover that Puerto Ricans were going to try to assassinate President Harry Truman at Blair House in 1950.

The woman's employer told the agents that once she went out to buy a new car, even though she did not know how to drive. The salesman took her out for a test drive and she demolished the car by hitting a utility pole. Then she tried in vain to sue the auto agency.

The employer also told them when the woman's dog died, she had "a regular funeral" for it and ordered flowers in the names of some of her friends. Those friends were startled when they were billed for flowers to a dog's funeral.

And, the agents learned, the woman's ailing husband moved to Las Vegas because of his health and she came to work each morning and told her colleagues she was getting telephone calls from "eagles" informing her that her husband was "running around with other women."

When he died, she told co-workers she really did

not believe the eagles were making the calls.

The FBI then dismissed her as having provided "no pertinent information."